

REMARKS

The present amendment is submitted in response to the final Office Action dated July 1, 2008, which set a three-month period for response, making this amendment due by October 1, 2008, and with the initial two-month period for response expiring on September 1, 2008.

Claims 1-2, 4-8 and 10-12 are pending in this application.

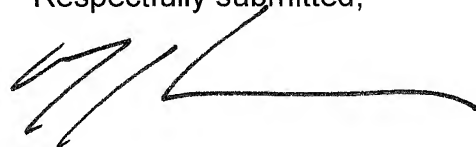
In the final Office Action, claims 1-2, 4-8, and 10-12 were again rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,641,634 to Reich et al.

The Applicant notes with appreciation the allowance of claim 3, if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In the present amendment, claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the feature of allowable claim 3, thus rendering claim 1 allowable along with the remaining dependent claims. Claim 3 has been canceled.

The application in its amended state is therefore believed to be in condition for allowance. Action to this end is courteously solicited. Should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, the undersigned would very much welcome a telephone call in order to resolve any remaining matters in order to expedite placement of the application into condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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